



MICHIGAN  
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Minutes of the House Standing Committee  
on  
Education Reform

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Thursday, November 29, 2018                      9:00 a.m.                      Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Education Reform was called to order by Representative Tim Kelly, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Roberts, Alexander, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, Reilly, Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby. (15/15)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

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The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of November 8, 2018, as printed.

**Representative Reilly moved to adopt the minutes of November 8, 2018, as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.**

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The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 5984.

**HB 5984 (Kesto)**                      Education; safety; annual inspections of all public and nonpublic schools for safety concerns; require.

Representative Klint Kesto, the bill sponsor, explained the bill and introduced Tabatha Kerr, who testified in support of the bill. A copy of Ms. Kerr's written testimony is attached.

Jeff Spitzely, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Legislative Affairs, submitted a testimony card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak.

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The Chair laid before the committee House Bills 6314 and 6315.

**HB 6314 (Kelly)**                      Education; school districts; public innovative districts; create.

**HB 6315 (Kelly)**                      School aid; membership; exemption from day and hour requirement for public innovative districts; provide for.

The Chair explained the proposed (H-2) substitutes for House Bills 6314 and 6315.

The Chair offered the substitute (H-2) for House Bill 6314.

**Representative Lilly moved to adopt the substitute (H-2) for House Bill 6314.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Roberts, Alexander, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, and Reilly, (10/15)**

**Nays: Representatives Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby, (3/15)**

**Pass: Representatives Zemke and Brinks. (2/15)**

**None. (0/15)**

The substitute was adopted.

Michael Murray, representing EdTech Specialists, and Randy Speck, Superintendent of Madison District Schools, testified in support of the bills.

Jarrett Skorup, Director of Marketing and Communications at the Mackinac Center, submitted a testimony card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Tony Daunt, Executive Director of the Michigan Freedom Fund submitted a testimony card in support of the bill package.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in opposition to the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Bob Kefgen, Director of Government Relations for Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals;

Jerry Johnson, representing Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Jackson, Lenawee, and Monroe Intermediate School Districts; and

Mitch Albers, Assistant Director of Government Relations for Michigan Association of School Boards.

**Representative Zemke offered and moved to adopt the following amendment to House Bill 6314:**

1. Amend page 9, line 6, after “**STUDY,**” by striking out “**PRIVATE INSTRUCTION,**”.

**The motion did not prevail by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby, (5/15)**

**Nays: Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Roberts, Alexander, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, and Reilly. (10/15)**

The amendment was not adopted.

**Representative Hornberger moved to report House Bill 6314 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-2) be adopted and that the bill then pass.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Alexander, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, Reilly, (9/15)**

**Nays: Representatives Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby, (5/15)**

**Pass: Representative Roberts. (1/15)**

The bill and substitute were referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

The Chair offered the substitute (H-2) for House Bill 6315.

**Representative Lilly moved to adopt the substitute (H-2) for House Bill 6315.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Alexander, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, Reilly, (9/15)**

**Nays: Representatives Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby, (5/15)**

**Pass: Representative Roberts. (1/15)**

The substitute was adopted.

**Representative Hornberger moved to report House Bill 6315 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-2) be adopted and that the bill then pass.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Alexander, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, Reilly, (9/15)**

**Nays: Representatives Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby, (5/15)**

**Pass: Representative Roberts. (1/15)**

The bill and substitute were referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

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The Chair laid before the committee House Bills 5368 and 6474.

**HB 5368 (Hornberger)** Retirement; public school employees; computing retirement allowance based on employee organization professional services leave or released time; modify.

**HB 6474 (Johnson)** Labor; collective bargaining; public employer contracts that pay union officials for time conducting union business; prohibit.

Representatives Hornberger, the bill sponsor for House Bill 5368, and Representative Johnson, the bill sponsor for House Bill 6474, explained their bills. Questions followed.

Jarrett Skorup, Director of Marketing and Communications at the Mackinac Center and James Hohmar, Director of Fiscal Policy at the Mackinac Center, testified in support of the bills. Questions followed.

Michael Flowers, Executive Director of Human Resources at Lansing Board of Water and Light, testified in opposition to House Bill 6474.

Ronald Byrnes, Business Manager of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Works (IBEW) Local 352, testified in opposition to House Bill 6474. A copy of his written testimony is attached.

Nick Ciaramitaro, Legislative Director for American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 25, testified in opposition to the bills. Questions followed. A copy of his written testimony is attached.

Dawn Kettinger, Director of Government Affairs for the Michigan Nurses Association, testified in opposition to the bills.

Stephanie B. Glidden, Director of Government Affairs at Michigan AFL-CIO, testified in opposition to the bills.

Peter Spadofore, Associate Executive Director for Government Relations for the Michigan Association of School Administrators, testified in opposition to the bills.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in opposition to the bills, but did not wish to speak:

- Dr. David Michelson, a lobbyist for the Michigan Education Association;
- Steve Claywell, President of the Michigan Building Trades Council;
- Bill Black, Legislative Director for the Michigan Teamsters;
- Julie Rowe, Legislative Mobilization Coordinator for the American Federation of Teachers;
- Jennifer Smith, Director of Government Relations for the Michigan Association of School Boards;
- Marseille Allen, representing UAW Local 6000;
- Beth DeShone, Advocacy Director for the Great Lakes Education Project; and
- Bob Kefgen, Director of Government Relations for Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals.

Glenn Maleyko, Ph.D, Superintendent of Schools for Dearborn Schools, submitted written testimony in opposition to the bills.

Randy A. Liepa, Ph.D Wayne RESA Superintendent, submitted written testimony in opposition to the bills.

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There being no other business before the committee; **Representative Lilly moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:34 a.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

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Tim Kelly, Chair  
House Standing Committee on Education Reform

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Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

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Date approved by the committee